Charles Dickens: A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Use the verb in brackets to complete the sentence in the Passive Voice. For each ghost, use the matching tense (Past, Present and Future).

1) Every year ‘A Christmas Carol’ ______ by hundreds of people. (read)
2) It ______ by Charles Dickens in 1843 (write)
3) The story ______ into many different films. (make)

It is about an old mean man called Scrooge, who makes money by taking advantage of the poor. When his nephew invites him for Christmas Dinner he gets angry. He hates Christmas, and throws out some people who ask him to donate to the poor.

4) At the beginning of the story, Scrooge wanted ______ alone at Christmas. (leave)
5) That night (Christmas Eve), he ______ by three ghosts. (visit)
6) First, he ______ by the Ghost of Christmas Past to see his childhood. (take)

He remembered his time with his sister, and his first job with a kind and friendly boss, who regarded him as a son.

7) When he was young, he used ______ by everyone. (love)
8) Before he treated his employees badly, he had ______ well by his employer. (treat)
9) Then he ______ people celebrating by the Ghost of Christmas Present. (show)
10) While Scrooge ______ around London, he begins to realise what he is missing. (take)

This Ghost also shows Scrooge his secretary's house. His secretary is paid so badly by Scrooge that he has no money to buy medicine for his sick son, who will die if he is not treated. Scrooge also sees two starving children - Ignorance and Want (Need), and is warned of the dangers of these.

11) The last Ghost shows him his future - If he does not change, he ______ to die alone, unloved and friendless. (leave)

Nobody appears at Scrooge's funeral. His servants start to rob him as soon as he dies. This affects Scrooge so much that it produces a deep change in him. 'I will change!' he swears.

12) Scrooge is ______ by this experience for the rest of his life. He is going to represent the true spirit of Christmas: Generous, warm-hearted and charitable. (change)